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### Park Authority Opens Arrowhead Park This Weekend

Arrowhead Park in Centreville, VA opened for play in mid-April but members of the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors, the Park Authority Board and representatives of the athletic community, adjacent schools and the private sector will officially cut the ribbon on Saturday, May 27, 2006 at 10 a.m. This opening represents a significant addition to the field inventory in Fairfax County and serves as another example of the commitment made by officials to reduce the existing shortage of fields countywide.

Combined with the adjacent Colin Powell Elementary School, this site provides nearly \$3 million of new recreational facilities to the residents of the Sully District. New improvements include three irrigated rectangular fields (two lit) and associated improvements in the park, two lit irrigated diamonds, one irrigated rectangular field, and two playgrounds on the school site.

The opening of this park is the culmination of several successful partnerships and the commitment of Sully District Supervisor Michael Frey who noted, "Arrowhead Park provides a wonderful new asset in this district. It would not have been possible without lots of people stepping up to the plate and giving their all. The support of my colleagues on the Board of Supervisors, the assistance of schools, and the hard work of the Park Authority and Planning and Zoning, coupled with the cooperation of Pulte Homes has made an invaluable difference."

The Park Authority and the Department of Planning and Zoning worked to negotiate proffers with Pulte Homes to expand the original 11-acre park to more than double that size. Combined with the 17-acre school site there now exists a public green space of nearly 40 acres. As a result of those negotiations, a park was developed with the capacity to serve the whole community.

The project is unique in a number of ways. This represents the first time schools, the County, developers and the Park Authority have worked jointly to create a seamless, interconnected facility for the entire community. This is also the first Park Authority site to utilize Bermuda grass sod on the athletic fields, a field covering considered more resilient and not weather tolerant than other coverings.

Arrowhead Park is located at 5200 Arrowhead Park Drive in Centreville. Directions: From Lee Highway/Route 29 head west. Turn right onto Stringfellow Road/VA-645 N. Turn left onto Centreville Farms Road. Turn left onto Arrowhead Park Road. For more information contact the Public Information Office at 703-324-8662.

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